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I hope all of you are having a relaxing and enjoyable summer. One of the biggest events the Philadelphia Continental Chapter experienced, during the past quarter, was the annual chapter picnic held Saturday June 12, 2021 at the Fenimore Woods Park in Radnor Township. Close to 100 people attended this year's picnic. Many of the PCC members and guests brought delicious desserts, salads, and side dishes. Jules Esposito of South Philadelphia once again provided a 100 pound roast pig for the entree. A never ending supply of hamburgers and hot



dogs were provided by this year's chief chef, 2nd Vice President Steven Kopsick, and his crew. We had delightful weather.

We were pleased to have as our guest PASSAR President Andrew Lick, his wife Melanie, and daughter Madeleine. Mr. Lick made some opening remarks. Fred Fonseca, the Chapter Color Guard Captain, offered a tribute to compatriot Philip Anders, who died July 21 2021. Compatriot George M Clarke spoke of the 124th NSSAR Congress 2024 Program and displayed a shirt design in support of the planned 2024 event. Several members of the DAR and CAR attended. Speeches were made by William Gresh, the National Chair of CAR and Second Vice President for state of Pennsylvania for 2021/2022, and by Holly Marx of CAR who served as Recording Secretary during 2020-2021 for CAR.



Frank O'Donnell, Andrew Lick, and George Clarke

Several awards medals and certificates were presented at the picnic. Mark Burt presented an Eagle Scout certificate and check to Matthew Dakin. Steve Kopsick received a certificate of appreciation from the Sacramento California SAR chapter. A Law Enforcement medal and certificate was pre-

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Mark Burt presenting Eagle Scout award to Matthew Dakin



John Mitchell presented a certificate of appreciation from a Sacramento, CA Chapter to Steve Kopsick



John Mitchell presenting M. Lignian certificate to Dennis Bostick & Vietnam War certificates to McRay Bostick Jr. & Sherwin Bostick

sented to Sherwin P. Bostick. War Service medals and certificates were presented to McRay Bostick Jr. and to Sherwin P. Bostick in recognition of their Vietnam War Service. Dennis Bostick was recognized for receiving the Marshall E. Lignian certificate

Rosette Membership pins were presented to several chapter members who have joined the chapter and Pennsylvania Society within the past year and a half.

Recognition is given to all the compatriots, and in several cases the compatriot's spouse, who worked very hard to ensure that at least 1500 Revolutionary War veterans, had 13 star flags placed on their grave markers or on sites where several of the veterans' graves are grouped together.

On July 13, 2021 a Public Service and Heroism certificate and medal was presented to Teresa L Thomas, a Clinical Operations Manager with Mercy Home Health in Springfield PA, for her work during the COVID 19 pandemic. Ms. Thomas went above and beyond her regular duties to deliver PPE (Personal and Protective Equipment) and medical supplies to Mercy Home Health clinicians throughout southeastern Pennsylvania. This award was presented by chapter Secretary Larry A Magdy.

2nd Vice President Steven Kopsick presented two flag certificates to two individuals/families that for many years have displayed the American flag at their business or home. In April, a flag certificate

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presentation was conducted at Miller's Florist in Wallingford PA. The Millers have displayed the American flag at their place of business for several years. On July 18 2021, Mr Kopsick conducted a flag certificate presentation to honor Colonel Thomas J. Reimann, who has regularly flown the American flag by his home in Morton, PA for over thirty years.

On April 27 2021 John Mitchell presented the annual Yearsley Award to Williamson College of the Trades student Vincent Albert Marinello.

First Vice President William H. Baker has been active with the Patriot Research Program. Bill Baker has been appointed chairman of the PASSAR Patriot Records (Graves and Biographies) Committee.

The PCC Color Guard has been active and involved in various events Please see Captain Fred Fonseca's report in this issue of the Newsletter.

PCC member William Allen Mizell, the father of the most recent Past President David M. Mizell, passed away July 6 2021 at his home in Dover, DE, following an extended illness The Chapter Color Guard was represented at compatriot Mizell's funeral.

The Chapter Officers hope to implement distribution of the GUIDON in an electronic format to all new members, transferred-in members, and dual members, in the near future.

The Constitution Week Celebration Luncheon, hosted by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, PA Society SAR and the Southeastern District PA State Society DAR, will be held Saturday September 11, 2021 at the Alloy Hotel in King of Prussia. Cost for the luncheon is \$52.00. Guest speaker is Chef Walter Staib, who served as Chief Chef at Old City Tavern in Philadelphia. Reservation forms are included in this newsletter. Deadline date for reservation is September 1, 2021.

There will be a BOM meeting Wednesday September 8 at 11 AM at Charlotte's Restaurant in Newtown Square. The slate of Chapter Officer candidates for the coming year and Board of Management candidates for 2024 will be presented at that time, in a report from the chapter nominating committee. Election of the officers and Board of Management candidates will take place at the Chapter Annual Meeting, on Tuesday evening October 5 2021 at Glenhardie Country Club. Please refer to the PCCSAR website for specifics.

John F Mitchell, President

PHILADELPHIA CONTINENTAL CHAPTER COMBINED ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

September	8th	Chapter Meeting - Charlotte's Restaurant	11:00 AM
	11th	Constitution Day Flag Raising - Constitution Center, Phila.	8:30 AM
	11th	Annual DAR/SAR Constitution Day Luncheon - Alloy Hotel	11:30 AM
	11th	Whitemarsh Veterans Memorial Dedication - Whitemarsh Twp.	TBD
October	5th	Election of Officers - Glenhardie Country Club	5:30 PM
November	5th	Veterans Week - Coatesville Medical Center	9:30 AM
	5th	Installation of Officers - Overbrook Golf Club	5:30 PM
	11th	Veterans Day Flag Raising - Downingtown	11:00 AM
	11th	Veterans Day Flag Raising - Constitution Center	11:00AM

Color Guard Corner

During the second quarter of 2021, as the virus vaccinations accelerated, America began moving toward normal activities and so did the PCC Color Guard.

With the passing of Cpt. Phil, members retiring from the guard, moving out of the area, experiencing physical issues and family priorities, our ranks have thinned, but we were fortunate to have 4 new members who helped carry us through the Color Guard's most active time of the year.

Our first event was May 2nd, with the French Alliance Commemoration at Washington Chapel in Valley Forge National Park. Participating in their first mission were Rich Lind and Mike Carver. The Captain and veteran guardsmen 2nd VP Steve Kopsick and Secretary Larry Magdy, rounded out the troop. It was an enjoyable activity on a beautiful spring day accented afterwards by a wine and cheese social.

Because of the virus, a Celebration of Life service for CG Cpt. Phil Anders was postponed until May 23rd. The family requested that a limited number of Color Guard be present. Attending in uniform were past PCC Presidents James Hall and Dave Mizel. Also attending were the Captain, Scott Wilson, and Rich Lind. Anders family members expressed their heartfelt appreciation for our presence.

This year marked the return of the Radnor Memorial Day parade and Wreath Laying at the Wayne War Memorial. Four guards and Captain marched. Afterwards, they presented the colors at the memorial ceremony. After lunch, provided by the Bateman-Gallagher American Legion Post, the Captain and three guards headed downtown to present the colors at the DAR sponsored Wreath Laying at Washington Square.

At the Chapter Picnic on June 12th, troopers donned their tricorns and opened the festivities with the Presentation of the Colors. The captain made a plea for chapter members to join the color guard and Chris Snyder and his son Spencer stepped up to the challenge.



French Alliance Day at Valley Forge



Steve Kopsick, Larry Magdy, Scott Wilson, Mike Carver, and Fred Fonseca, with Herb Armstrong seated, at the Memorial Day Ceremony in Wayne.

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The PCC Color Guard and John Mitchell assembled with the DAR ladies at the Tomb of the Unknown Revolutionary War Soldier in Washington Square, Philadelphia on Memorial Day. The Square is part of Independence National Historic Park.

The final event of the second quarter was Flag Day which is usually busy with multiple activities. This year the events in Old City were toned down and the Lansdowne DAR event had been cancelled. Unfortunately, the Army Birthday event at Independence Hall overlapped the Flag Day Association Naturalization event at the Betsy Ross House. Not having enough guards for both, the decision was made to support our DAR sisters and only attend the naturalization ceremony.

I thank members who sacrifice not only time but money for gas, parking, and tolls to participate in PCC Color Guard activities. Deserving of special thanks are our chapter vice presidents and secretary who somehow, with all their PCC responsibilities, find time to participate in the Color Guard.

Fred Fonseca, Captain of the Color Guard



Flag Day at the Betsy Ross House

PCC History 1990-91

The Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers for 1990-1991 was held again at the Bala Golf Club on Wednesday evening, November 7, 1990. Entertainment for the Reception was furnished by The University Glee Club. The Installation ceremony was led by Edward E Gray, Vice President General, Mid Atlantic District, NSSAR. The following officers were elected, President-Leon Solis-Cohen, Esq, 1st VP- LtC Herbert T Armstrong, 2nd VP-Rev David Hackensmith, Secretary- William G Dorwart, Treasurer- Richard R DiStefano. Rev James M Murray, President PASSAR was the speaker. President Solis-Cohen gave a short acceptance talk. Past President Anders presented many medals and awards to numerous compatriots for outstanding service. Then VP General Gray awarded the past president ribbon to Past President Anders. The first meeting with the new officers took place at the Racquet Club on December 3, 1990. Budget for 1991 was \$8375.

The first meeting of the new year was January 7, 1991 at the new location, Mile Post Inn in Stratford, PA. Coincident with the new location is the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the Philadelphia Continental Chapter. The State Society approved the establishment of the Philadelphia Chapter on March 21, 1901. Wayne Presbyterian Church has provided space for our flags and files. The Washington Birthday Celebration was held Saturday February 23, 1991 with flag raising and wreath setting at Independence Hall. The group then moved to Washington Square, Tomb of the Unknown Rev War Soldier, for the wreath setting. The reception, luncheon and program was at The Bistro, 510 Walnut St. The February 4th Luncheon Meeting at the Mile Post Inn set a modern record with 60 members and guests present. The sign-up sheet shows the signatures of these compatriots and is in excellent condition. Treasurer Richard DiStefano resigned March 15, 1991 replaced by Jim Musslewhite

The Annual Church Service was held April 14th at St Mark's Church, Frankford. 2nd VP Rev David Hockensmith is the Rector of this church. The presentation of colors preceded the Service of Morning Prayer by the Preacher Rev James M Murrey, President PASSAR. A social time followed in the Church Hall. The Luncheon Meeting on May 6, 1991 was at the Mile Post Inn. Significant here is that the speaker was the well known City Councilman Thatcher Longstreth. He had already been awarded the Gold and Bronze Medals for past speaking engagements so President Solis-Cohen presented him with a certificate. Also, the first Lottery Drawing known was at this meeting won by Frank Brown son of well known Henry Brown. The 98th Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Society was on May 3 & 4, 1991 at the Great Valley Hilton Hotel. May 27th saw the PCC Color Guard in review at the Radnor Memorial Day Parade. Significant here is that the great grandson of Bill DeWart, 3 year old Andrew Murdock, led the PCC Color Guard in his battery operated Jeep over the 1.6 mile route.

The 22nd annual Luncheon celebrating the signing of the Constitution of the United States was held at Stouffer Valley Forge Hotel on September 21st. Honorable Curt Weldon, US Congressman from Pennsylvania, was the guest speaker. Sunday Sept 8th, saw Charlestown Township celebrate the restoration of the Old Charlestown Cemetery on Charlestown Road. Last spring several volunteer groups cleared out a generation of underbrush. Boy Scouts of Troop 524, Trooper, PA did much of the work. The October 7th Luncheon Meeting was named The Rev John Fleck Meeting, celebrating his 100th birthday this week. Rev Fleck is an active athletic gold medalist swimmer. He brought home six gold medals from various events the summer of 1991.

The Annual Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers for 1991-1992 was held at the Bala Golf Club November 6th 1991. Secretary Dorwart read the slate of proposed officers for the coming year-President LTC Herbert T Armstrong, 1st VP Rev David Hockensmith, 2nd VP David Cole, Secretary William Dorwart, Treasurer James Musslewhite. After being duly approved they were installed by Past President General Warren G Hayes, Jr. Compatriot Hayes then installed Col Armstrong as President, bestowing on him the ribbon of office and gavel of authority.

Jim Willis, Historian of the Chapter

New Members 4/8/21 to 8/4/21			
New Member	Patriot	New Member	Patriot
Joshua Lynn Ferris	John Ferris	Richard Brevard Skilton	Adam Alexander
William Anderson Krier	William Markwell	Joseph Secrest Skilton	Adam Alexander
Seth James Krier	William Markwell		
Harry Thomas Solimeo	Jacob Groff, Jr.		
John Joseph Pease	Cummings Pease	Junior Member	
John Michael Pease	Cummings Pease	Jace Freeland Barber	William Niles
Jan Edward Teitsworth	Hugh Hughes	Garrett Michael Freeland	William Niles
Eric William Teitsworth	Hugh Hughes	Jackson Robert England	William Niles
Barry Lee Amole	Henry Hollowbush	Hunter William England	William Niles
Louis Stickney Martell	Samuel Stickney	Caleb James England	William Niles
Brian Andrew Schreiner	Samuel Cool	Brian Christopher Schreiner	Samuel Cook
		Elliot Earl Skilton	Adam Alexander

CONSTITUTION WEEK CELEBRATION

Hosted jointly by the
Philadelphia Continental Chapter
Pennsylvania Society Sons of the American Revolution
and the Southeastern District Pennsylvania State Society
Daughters of the American Revolution



Cordially invite you and your guests to the 51st Annual Luncheon celebrating the Signing of the Constitution of the United States of America

Date: Saturday, September 11, 2021

Time: 11:30 AM Social Hour (cash bar) 12:00 PM Plated Luncheon

Place: Alloy - formerly Hilton Double Tree Hotel, 301 W DeKalb Pike (Rt 202), King of Prussia, PA

Cost: \$52 per person, payable to SAR-DAR Constitution Week Committee

Guest Speaker: Chef Walter Staib of City Tavern and "A Taste of History" on PBS

Plated Lunch

Spinach and Strawberry Salad, Chicken Noodle Soup,

Choice of Salmon, Pot Roast, or Rigatoni Broccolini

Decadent Chocolate Cake

Mail to: Bill Baker: 929 Burmont Rd, Drexel Hill, PA 19026 by **September 1, 2021**

-----Please cut here and return lower part with your remittance-----

Your name, chapter and title _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____ Email _____ Salmon _____

Number attending _____ @ \$52 each Pot Roast _____

Total remittance \$ _____ Rigatoni _____

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